



Provider Communication

Subject: Anesthesia Services Billing Policy Revision and System Update	Priority: High
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Dear Provider:

The policy revision and system update to change Georgia Medicaid's Billing for Anesthesia Services is complete. The MHN system was updated to convert total anesthesia minutes to units, with each 15 minutes or any part thereof equaling one (1) unit. This change will allow providers to begin billing for anesthesia services using total time in minutes rather than time in units.

Effective on October 21, 2003, all claims for anesthesia services must be submitted using total time in minutes. Example: to bill anesthesia time of two (2) hours and 35 minutes, enter 155 minutes in field 24G on the CMS 1500 claim form.

NOTE: Anesthesia Service claims billed using total time in minutes for DOS beginning April 1 through October 20, 2003, would have paid incorrectly. Therefore, an adjustment request is necessary to correctly reprocess each claim. The mass adjustment process is being considered for these claims. In the meantime, the provider may resubmit his/her individual claims and adjustment requests directly to GHP, P.O. Box 5000, McRae, Georgia 31055 for reprocessing; or providers who are registered web users may resubmit your adjustment requests via the web portal at www.ghp.georgia.gov.

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